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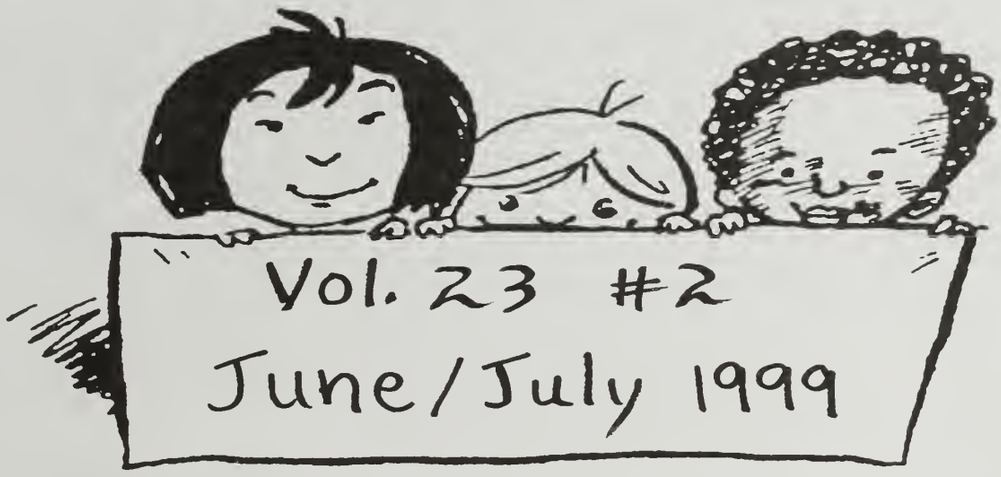

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LAKE GROVE SCHOOL PROPOSES EXPANSION

Lake Grove School(LG), which currently has 46 client/students (cs), wishes to expand to 60 cs. The plans involve a $2.8 million expansion to upgrade facilities and stay on the cutting edge. The current buildings need repair, and septics are failing. The proposal is to build, on the south side of Farley Road, one large classroom building/gym/cafeteria, and two new dorms. They have drilled a new well and have plans for a Bioclere septic system with an on-site sewage treatment component.

LG recently purchased the former Golding property across from the Country Store for staff housing, and want to buy one more staff house.

On June 15, 1999, Phil Delorey, building inspector and zoning agent, held a meeting of LG reps, and members of the town boards and interested townspeople, to clarify issues involved with the expansion plans.

A major concern at the meeting was the use of the Golding property and the LG sign recently erected there. LG officials assured the Town that the Golding property would be used only for staff housing, not for cs housing or activities; they wrote a letter to the Selectboard with these assurances. They agreed to remove the LG sign. They had hoped to build a second staff house on the parcel, but the acreage is insufficient.

Another major concern is security. While the majority are referred from the Dept. of Fducation and social service agencies, a percentage (less than 10%) are on probation and would go to jail if they violate probation.

If a cs goes AWOL, LG had agreed to notify neighbors within ¼ mile. The last time, in March '99, neighbors weren't notified. LG explained that this was because a new administrator was in charge at the time. This was the first AWOL in 2 years.

LG offered to install security systems at LG expense in neighbors' homes if they feel threatened.

LG's 5-year strategic plan contains no population increases, and the current expansion design proposal has the maximum water flow and septic capacity, so that no more than 60 cs could use the facility.

The Board of Health has the septic proposal under consideration. There is concern about the perc test and proximity to wetlands. There are questions about how zoning by-laws and building code apply to LG. The Town Counsel is working on an opinion

Further discussion of these matters will be held by the BoH and Planning Board; townspeople may attend their meetings or speak with individual members to gain input.

Margie McGinnis and Ted Lewis are members of the LG Advisory Board and would hear concerns. LG invites citizens to come speak with them at any time.

Gloria Kegeles

Old Home Day Aug. 7

Wendell Old Home Day will be Saturday August 7th starting at 10am with a rockn' parade. Throughout the day there will be live local music, totally groovy children's games, keen bike raffles, dazzling handmade crafts, and delightfully tasty food.

If you are interested in giving a demonstration, setting up a booth, teaching a class, or lending a helping hand the Recreation committee would love to hear from you. You can call 544-8738 and speak to Tricia or come to our next meeting Thursday July 8th at 7pm. See you there!

- Rec. Committee

Kick-Off Fund Raiser
for Library Addition

Hand-Pieced quilt

This year Town Meeting voted to allocate $10,000 to start a special fund for an addition to the Wendell Free Library. The idea is that the town will add to this fund each year as we save and plan for more space at the library. Meanwhile the library will hold fund-raisers and seek grants to augment the town's fund.

We are pleased to announce a very special kick-off raffle. Adrian Montagano, of Mormom Hollow Road, has hand-pieced and is now hand-quilting a traditional Amish bar quilt. He is donating it for this initial raffle.

The quilt is made of polished cottons in intense shades of blue, fushia and lavender, on a black background. The quilting is stitched in light blue thread. The size is 62" x 52" which will cover a double bed, but not go over the sides. This size is traditionally considered to be a lap quilt.

Tickets will go on sale at Old Home Day, where the quilt will first be displayed. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. The raffle will be held in late Fall 1999.

Thank you Adrian for all your diligent hard work and for getting the Library fund-raising off to such a wonderful start.

–Librarian - Rosie Heidkamp

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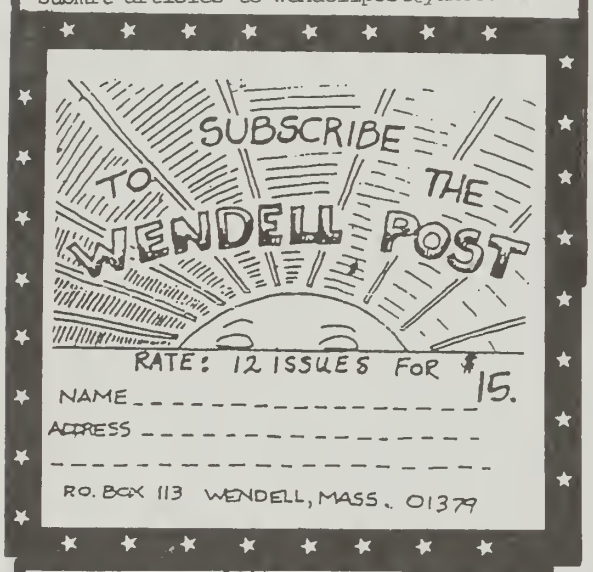

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Dear friends and neighbors,

There is a saying that says "It takes a village to raise a child," and, as a parent, I'd like to express my appreciation to folks in this area for providing such a friendly, creative, lively and comfortable village for anyone to grow up in. However, in light of my youngest child's graduation from the Swift River School this month, I especially want to thank us all for supporting our elementary school, which I believe to be one of our area's most valuable assets.

Schools reflect the values of their community. They evolve and change every day for better or for worse... but thanks to our collective generosity, opinions, and involvement, our school has received lots of fuel: constructive criticism, positive energy, and hard work over the years. Consequently it continues to grow and change with us in many positive and exciting ways.

Of course we parents have the strongest influence on how our children turn out, but their experiences in grammar school also must have a lasting effect on how they end up feeling about themselves and the world. I am so very thankful to the Swift River School community, (parents, volunteers, committee members, specialists, teachers, administrators, etc.) for working together so effectively, and going beyond the call of duty to provide, what I consider to be, the best possible growing conditions for each child.

I've been leery of outside influences on my children. It has been difficult for me to step back as my young children go off to school - "the real world" each day. I became involved with each of the 5 school systems that my 3 kids have attended. I appreciate the democratic theory behind public education. It has the potential to provide good educational opportunities for all. However, while residing in some other communities, there have been times, when I felt that the local public schools were not providing what my children needed. I have moved - and once I even found it necessary to commute quite a distance to meet a child's needs through a private school.

I've been so thankful to find that our own Swift River elementary school is the most accommodating to each child's individual needs of any school system I've been involved with. As a parent, I've been grateful for the open lines of communication there. Ever since my youngest son was in the Pre-School. I've felt that my interest was appreciated, and my thoughts were taken into consideration. Throughout these past nine years of my involvement, I've observed an extraordinary level of professionalism and commitment among the staff. The school has experienced many challenges, changes, and opportunities over the past few years and our adaptable and motivated teachers and administrators continue to make our school the most safe, challenging and supportive place for children to be.

At the Swift River School, our staff works together in ways that feel like family to me. Of course there are differences - everyone has their own view points and teaching styles, but there is give-and-take, continuity and, a strong, support system among teachers, the administration and committee members that comes from a mutual respect, a lot of hard work, and a common commitment to children and their education.

The results of these efforts can be seen by state test results and the high percentage of Swift River honor roll students at the regional high school each year. But to me, the true measure of how effectively our school is serving our children is revealed by the feeling I get from them. The students seem centered, and are far more positive, curious, and considerate than kids I've known in other schools. I notice a mutual understanding - a trust and affection between students and teachers which I wish I'd had in elementary school. (I might have been better able to put my attentions to schoolwork, if I'd felt more at ease with my teachers.)

I love seeing our kids enjoy being at school, and marvel as I watch their teachers plant the gift of knowledge with such care in each one of them every day. Let's not take all this for granted. I hope our community continues to value the development of its children by actively supporting this exceptional school we have here! Yours Truly, Molly Kaynor

WENDELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The Wendell Community Council is a creative and responsive forum, a variable group of people who care about what happens in Wendell … its land and its people.

Participation in the council is open to all. It functions as a forum for the issues those who come to the meetings consider important, and as a resource to help people facing difficult situations in their lives. In its more than two years of existence, faces at meetings have changed according to interest in issues.

In the past year we have:

- Established the "Daley Fund" to help a family cope with a serious illness by sponsoring three raffles and a benefit dance.
- Sponsored two police/citizen circles
- Supported the reestablishment of "Good Neighbors", the weekly free food program
- Sponsored Kaymarion's gay/straight dialogue and art show
- Sponsored Y2K discussions
- Discussed Landfill problems and updates and sponsored our offshoot, the Committee for the Acceptable Closing of the Landfill (CACL)
- Helped with several personal or family issues
- Managed "Friends Of Wendell Fund" which is supported by donations to help people with short-term needs.

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SELECTBOARD pg 3 ~ MINUTES

Wendell Selectboard Meeting, April 27, 1999

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. Selectboard members present were Ted Lewis and Christine Heard. Also present were Dan Keller, Finance Committee; Marjorie McGinnis, Town Coordinator; and Marianne Sundell.

7: 02 p.m. Hearing to revoke Paul Riches Class 2 license. Nobody attended regarding this issue. Board reviewed Mass General Laws regarding automotive licenses and agreed to revoke the license until the garage can be inspected. Margie will send Paul a registered letter.

Board signed bonds for treasurer and tax collector.

Roger and Debbie Choniere stopped in, inquired about the Paul Rich hearing, and were informed of the board's decision.

Board signed letters to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Senator Rosenberg, Rep. Kulik, Amorello, and Perlov requesting support for the Wendell Depot Bridge and Route 2 safety improvements.

Board reviewed letter from Margo Cully suggesting that Marjorie Lewis be nominated for Citizen of the Year. Board agreed to postpone this decision until the full board is present.

Laurel Facey requested use of Mass General Law book in the Selectboard office.

Board reviewed a letter from Roger Choniere concerning Mike Wing's Class 3 license which raised concerns including landscaping. The letter requested an appeal, but did not state specifically what was to be appealed. Christine will draft a response.

Margie informed the board that Lisa Hoag was concerned about the interest that is continuing to accrue on back tax bills while the situation is being resolved. She had inquired as to whether local boards of assessor's can waive these fees, but this is not legal.

Board reviewed letter from The Massachusetts Historical Commission informing the Town that the Town Common project had not been chosen for a Preservation Award.

Board reviewed two letters received from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the landfill. The letters concerned the post closure account, oversight of operations during closure, and the results of a recent site inspection. The DEP informed the Town that they do not have a mechanism to fund the Town's hiring of an independent engineer and suggested using host community fees. The letter said a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer will supervise closure activities. It directed the Town to the Attorney General's office regarding fines associated with illegal dumping.

Board reviewed Town Hall rental request from Josh Dostis and Karen Fogliatti and requested a deposit for the rental.

Building inspector Phil Delory asked whether he should continue with the injunction against Joe Diemand's fertilizer operation as he has heard that it has been moved out of Town. The appropriate information has been submitted for a certificate of Occupancy for the building. Ted verified the move. The board agreed neither to drop nor proceed with the injunction.

Board reviewed a note from Senator Rosenberg saying he will do his best to advocate support for preservation funds.

Board reviewed a note from Joy Gorzocoski thanking them for the magazine rack she had requested.

Board agreed to include an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to pay for the replacement of an oil tank.

7:30 p.m. Joint meeting of Selectboard, Finance Committee, and School Committees. In attendance were Dan Keller, Finance Committee; Chris Ewell and Phil Delory, Swift River School Committee; Jean Forward, Cliff Fournier, Charlotte Ryan, Mahar School Committee; and Mahar Superintendent Eileen Perkins.

Eileen Perkins explained that the state formula for funding school districts works well for most schools but does not work well for Mahar. She said that despite persistent lobbying this formula has not been changed. She noted that the budget request is considerably larger this year and explained the reasons for this. Contributing factors include salaries and the costs associated with special education, which are required by the state. The state is also requiring that student data be monitored using a special computer program. The school will need to purchase a $18,000 computer in order to full-fill this mandate. Changes in the Franklin County Retirement System will also increase expenses along with health insurance and transportation costs.

Dan Keller reviewed the Finance Committee's tentative budget proposal, noting that the proposed assessments for both schools significantly exceeded minimum contributions required but fell short of the amounts requested by the schools. He said that the Finance Committee had come up with these figures in order to present a budget that would not require a Proposition 2 1/2-override vote. The budget proposal would require a property tax increase to $22.60 per thousand. Eileen explained that three of the four towns must approve the school budget and the forth town was required to contribute at the level set by the other towns. In practice this means that amount approved by the town with the second lowest assessment prevails. School committee members mentioned that the state's minimum contribution may change as late as September and said they have been and will continue to lobby the State Senate for more funds.

Eileen said that the school is badly in need of renovations and an addition. Mahar representatives detailed the problems resulting from lack of space and adequate facilities. As a result of the death of one teacher and the unexpected retirement of a senior counselor, funds were available to be allocated to hire an architect to draw up a feasibility study needed to apply for state funds for this project. The school committee said they are very impressed with the firm from Burlington Vermont who they have chosen for this job. The feasibility study is scheduled to be completed in the late spring and they will continue planning the construction with the architect and hope to come back to the towns in November for a vote on a bond issue. This would allow the school to be included on the state's year 2001 list for reimbursement and hopefully construction could begin in the summer of 2001. State reimbursement is generally between 80% and 84% of the project cost. Mahar representatives said they want to encourage community involvement in the building project, and the board agreed to allow them to make a presentation to June 1st Town Meeting about the need for work on the school building.

Mike Wing submitted a written complaint against Mark Marceau and the Chonieres' dogs and requested a hearing. He also submitted a written complaint about the Chonieres' moving stones from a boundary line stone wall. The board will look into who is responsible for enforcing this law and informed Mike that they want to review the boundary line with him. They also discussed trees that are required as a condition of his automotive license. Mike said he has planted some trees and plans to plant more with the help of Lake Grove students. He will also landscape with flowers.

Margie informed the board that the Town Common Committee has chosen new lights for the Town Office building and also one for the Police Department. They requested that improvements be made to the front of the Town Office building before the lights are installed. The board agreed that some improvements can be made in the near future, but said that it is easy to reinstall the lights after the building has been painted and repaired.

Meeting adjourned 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Sundell
Selectboard Clerk

Wendell Selectboard
May 11, 1999

Meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Ted Lewis, Christine Heard, and Katharine Bentley. Also present were Nancy Riebschlaeger, Town Accountant; Margie McGinnis, Town Coordinator; and Marianne Sundell, Selectboard Clerk.

Board reviewed and signed warrants, minutes and letters to the Wings and Choinieres concerning dog hearings.

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Selectboard Minutes

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Board signed contract for Housing Pilot Program.

Board reviewed letter to Paul Rich informing him of their decision to revoke his Class 2 license.

Board signed letter of support from FRCOG Healthy Homes Program, which provides information on housing referrals and free health inspections.

Board voted to appoint Ted Lewis as Chair and reappoint Marianne Sundell as Clerk.

There was a discussion about making plaques listing individuals who had been Citizen of the Year and the Town's Oldest Citizen. Margo Culley will be invited to make the announcement at Town Meeting that Marjorie Lewis will be 1999's Citizen of the Year. A plaque will be awarded at Old Home Day.

7:30 p.m. Wendell Depot Road Culvert Bid Opening. Two bids were received with all necessary documentation. However, the bid cannot be awarded until the state approves the design. Margie informed the board that Rep. Kulik's office has agreed to help urge the state do to this quickly.

Margie informed the board that she has spoken to both Senator Rosenberg's and Governor Celluci's offices about the status of repairs to the bridge at Wendell Depot. She was told that the state has funds waiting for this project, but contract negotiations have been delaying the work. MassHighway is hopeful that that the details of the contract will be finalized in the next few weeks and work can start in mid-July. The state has also designated $1.7 million dollars for interim improvements to Route 2 . The Board requested that Margie write to the Governor and Senator's offices confirming their conversations.

Board reviewed and signed the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting that will be held prior to the Annual Town Meeting.

Board discussed issues surrounding back taxes and interest due to the Town.

Board discussed request to reserve Town Hall prior to next meeting, as Divya Shinn is unable to attend tonight. They agreed to reserve the date as soon as checks are received, but still ask that she attend the next meeting,

Jessica Newton and Alison Ahearn described the "Tools" program, which is being sponsored by the community policing grant and asked whether fees for the use of the Town Hall could be waived. The Board denied the request, because the fees collected covered the costs of pumping the septic tank.

Board reviewed a request from Mike Wing for a dog hearing concerning his neighbors' dogs barking and scheduled this for May 29th at 9:00 a.m. They also agreed to refer Mike to the state concerning the issue of a stone wall behind Roger Choiniere's property.

Building Inspector Phil Delorey stopped in, and the Board inquired about Paul Rich's "guest cabin". Phil agreed to look into this along with a property on Depot Road owned by the Careys that has no occupancy permit.

Phil informed the Board that he has scheduled a meeting to discuss concerns surrounding proposed expansion at the Lake Grove campus and possible construction on their Lockes Village Road property. He explained that as a school they are exempt from most local zoning regulations and that for this reason he preferred a discussion of site plan review issues to special permitting process. He will invite representatives from concerned boards and the police department, and asked the Selectboard to appoint citizen representatives to this committee.

Margie reported that she had attended a historic preservation workshop. A discussion of potential preservation projects for future grants followed.

The Board was informed that the Memorial Day parade has been scheduled for Sunday May 31st at 1:00 p.m.

Board reviewed bridge inspection reports from MassHighway that stated that the North Street Bridge in Erving is in good repair.

Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. It was noted that three articles have been submitted to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant by petition. They concern 1) Limiting the height of landfills; 2) Making the Town a dioxin-free zone; 3) a non-binding resolution called the Precautionary Principle. There was a discussion of the possibility of including an article calling for a moratorium on the construction of wireless communications towers as suggested by Planning Board member Ken Holmberg in a letter several months ago. Planning Board member Marianne Sundell explained that the Planning Board had considered submitting such an article and voted against it at this time.

Margie informed the Board that the Town Common Advisory Committee would like to have a lighting ceremony and turn on the new lights on the commons as part of the first night of Town Meeting. The Board approved this idea.

Board reviewed a invitation to join the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative in bidding for fuel oil for Union 28 and decided the Town would go out to bid for oil independently.

Board reviewed a letter from School Union #28 requesting a representative to the collective bargaining committee and appointed Ted to this position.

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Board discussed requests for support of Chapter 70 school funds and prior efforts to advocate for these funds.

Board approved erecting a stop sign on Wickett Pond Road.

Board reviewed letter received from DB announcing their intent to extend the date for closing the landfill until November 23. The Board agreed to research this proposed delay of the landfill's closure date to determine its validity.

Board discussed low voter turnout and noted that only 78 of the Town's registered voters participated in the May election. They agreed to talk with Town Clerk Annie Hartjens about changing the hours the polls are open.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Sundell
Selectboard Clerk

Wendell Selectboard
May 25, 1999

Meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Ted Lewis and Christine Heard. Also present were Divya Shinn & Pam Stevens; Ann-Marie Meltzer; Margie McGinnis, Town Coordinator; Meriweather Ball, Athol Daily News; Marianne Sundell, Selectboard Clerk.

Board approved Town Hall rentals for Divya Shinn & Pam Stevens, Ann-Marie Meltzer, and Christine Heard.

Morgan Mead and Gloria Kegeles from the Board of Health joined the meeting with Nancy Riebschlaeger from the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Landfill. They informed the Board that the Board of Health appointed Nancy as the representative to the Attorney General's office regarding concerns about the Town's inclusion in the lawsuit against the landfill. Gloria said that copies of the evidence backing up the Attorney General's complaint are available due to the Freedom of Information Act. The Board requested a copy of this information and approved Nancy as the representative to the Attorney General's office.

The Board of Health reported that Mark Haley from the Division of Solid Waste Management at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) met with their board on May 12. The DEP issued a Notice of Noncompliance to DB Enterprises after a site inspection on May 7th. The notice charged that the landfill has "reached and exceeded approved limits." In addition it said that D. B. has failed to initiate the required landfill assessment prior to closure and demanded this document within 30 days.

It was noted that there is no benchmark for this type of closure. Other concerns about the landfill were raised including: its increasing height; residue from the auto-shredder; soil that is slightly contaminated and needs to be removed; and dust and noise pollution that may result from the increased size of the landfill. The Board of Health will encourage the DEP to test the air in neighboring homes. Neighbors have expressed concerns about the practice of using water to keep dust down. Concerns were raised about the fire-fighting equipment on site. The Board also received a copy of the original permit for the landfill dated 1988 which was valid for three years. No records indicate that it has been renewed, but rather the state took over the permitting process. The timing of the closure was discussed.

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FY99 Wendell Community Development Block Grant
Community Development Fund (CDF I)
Hearing convened at 7:30 p.m. Present were Bruce Hunter, Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Bob Mellstrom, Engineer Dufresne – Henry, Inc.; Selectboard members Christine Heard & Ted Lewis; Daniel Bacigalupo, Highway Department; Charles Thompson Smith, Dennis Harris & Mason Phelps, Conservation Commission; Ken Holmberg, Planning Board; Marjorie McGinnis, Town Coordinator; Rollin Ethier & Sharon Ethier, Lockes Village Road; Marianne Sundell, Selectboard Clerk; Meriwether Ball, Athol Daily News.

Bruce Hunter explained that the process for the Lockes Village Road culvert and bridge repair project under consideration began a year ago. Local funds were designated for the preliminary design, the engineering firm Dufresne- Henry, Inc., and an advisory committee was created including representatives of related town boards and citizens. They are hoping to fund the final design and construction through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Hunter explained that housing rehabilitation money will still be available to Wendell residents in FY99, from a $300,000 grant for which Montague is the lead town. Wendell officials felt it was important to address a major infrastructure project with Community Development funds. The present project budget is $600,000.

Engineer Bob Mellstrom explained that the existing metal culverts are in various stages of failure. The proposed design would replace them with pre-cast concrete box culverts. These culverts come in sections that are 8' long, 6' wide, and 6' deep. The bottom would be buried leaving a 6' by 4' waterway open. The road width would remain the same. The repairs would leave sufficient room to allow the road to be upgraded to state standards in the future if that is ever required. At present the road width is about 3' short of state standards.

The proposed stone and mortar headwalls will look similar to what is there now. A new steel post and rail guardrail will be installed. Mr. Mellstrom said that a benefit of using pre-cast concrete is quicker instillation, but the road may have to be closed for a week at a time at each location. The area near Stillwater may require ledge excavation or they may be able to create a shelf on the ledge and use this as a foundation. This will be determined during the final design.

Preliminary applications for the grants are due by July ninth. The Department of Housing and Community Development has moved this deadline ahead five or six weeks from previous years. They hope to be ready to begin construction in the spring of 2000. The final design will be funded through the application. They hope to schedule the construction when school is not in session. The pre-cast culvert will help to expedite the process so that work can be completed over the summer vacation.

Repairs to the bridge near West Street will require shutting the road for a longer period of time. The earliest this can be expected to go out to bid is March of 2000. The Conservation Commission must approve the project and the Planning Board and Tree Warden must hold a tree hearing. Both boards will be asked to review the final design. Mr. Hunter requested letters of support for inclusion in the application by the end of June from advisory committee members from the Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

The grant will fund 100% of the cost of the project, but a match from the town is required. Along with Danny Bacigalupo's time on the project, Wendell will provide a flag-person during construction, if the project runs over budget they may need to go to Town Meeting for additional funds.

Ken Holmberg asked whether the bridge could be prioritized in terms of expending the funds. Bruce said that after the final design is completed they might have to look to other funding sources to complete bridgework. He said a total replacement would be too expensive to be covered by this grant. As the town paid for the preliminary design, this will count as the Town's matching contribution.

Bob Mellstrom said the third culvert has a 24" corrugated metal pipe at present. They are proposing installation of a reinforced concrete culvert with flared ends. This will allow the for the appearance of a natural bottom. One end of the culvert discharges into the pond. It will be partially buried. The water level in the culvert makes it an extension of the pond.

Pictures of deterioration of the bridge were circulated around the table. The concrete on the abutments and wing walls is being washed away. He explained that they plan to use pre-cast deck beams. These are pre-made and are held together with wires. After this is assembled they will need to pave or put down a finished layer of concrete. It will be designed to allow room for widening the road if ever required.

They are considering using a new railing that is similar to MassHighway's standard "Texas rails". This looks like a concrete wall with holes in it. They are also considering a three-rail model of aluminum or steel. Moving away from the standard models is more expensive. Bob Mellstrom recommends the metal rail as more durable.

The engineers may find that the bridge repairs will be more expensive as they start work on the project. The bridge project will require a review by MassHighway. Part of this will be an abutment analysis. They will not replace the deck until they are sure the abutments are suitable. Bridge repairs could require that the road be shut down for the entire construction season of four or five months.

The meeting reviewed a letter received by Sue Hoyle whose property abuts the project area. She said the area near her land has little or no drainage and encouraged that repairs be made with minimal destruction to the surrounding area. Hearing adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Building Inspector Phil Delorey reported that Vic Scutari and Tom Mangan had agreed to be citizen representatives to the Lake Grove Building Site Review Committee. He presented the Board with a letter to Lake Grove inviting them to attend a meeting of this committee on June 15th to review the nature of present and future development plans and their potential impacts on the Town's infrastructure, environment or security. A copy of the letter was sent to the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Police Department, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, DPW and School Committee. The board reviewed a letter sent to Town Counsel John Gates responding to his inquiry about a November Planning Board request for an opinion on the nature of the Town's authority to regulate Lake Grove. Ted also called Attorney Gates to encourage him to respond to the Planning Board's questions.

Phil reported that the School Committee has been pleased with the candidates for the Superintendent of School Union #28 position. He said the final candidates will have several meetings each with different local groups and the public will be invited to attend one meeting with each finalist.

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1999-2000

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Ambulance	**911**
Poison	**1-800-682-9211**
State Police	**249-4341**

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Administrative Coordinator
Margie McGinnis 544-3395
(Tuesdays and Thursdays)

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(Thursdays 7:30 at Town Office)
Charles Bowes 544-7735
Marion Herrick, Clerk 544-6373
Mary McBride 544-3925
Jean Dwight 544-3395
Assistant to the Assessors, Thursdays 2-4

B

Bear Mt. Preservation Assoc.
Bob Ellis 1-413-659-3512

C

Cemetery Commission
Daniel Bacigalupo 544-2336
John Bulger Sr.
Richie Wilder 544-7961

Civil Defense
Asa deRoode, Director 544-8695

Community Policing Board
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Roger Choiniere 544-7449
Parker Cleveland 544-2668
Anne Diemand 544-6111
Jonathan von Ranson 544-3758
Anne Zak 544-6801

Conservation Commission
(1st and 3rd Wed at 5:00, Town Hall -- 544-3775)
Don Chapelle
Dennis Harris 544-7563
Charles Smith 544-6933

Constable
David Wilder 544-2773

F

Finance Committee
Crystal Conway
Joe Diemand 544-7456
Daniel Keller 544-2857
Lee Trousdale, Chair 544-7335

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(meets 1st & 3rd Mondays 6:30pm)

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Everett Ricketts, Chief 544-3494
Bob Bowers, Deputy Chief 544-2082
Firefighters
Jon Bowers
Roger Choiniere
Asa deRoode--**EMT**
Jerry Eide
Josh Heinemann
China Holslander
Burke Legere
Nicholas Legere
Dan Mercer

Forest Wardens & Dispatchers
Bob Bowers
Anne Diemand
Ted Lewis
Everett Ricketts

G

The Golden Age Club
Elsie Diemand 544-2762
Elizabeth Sculley 544-3142
Virginia Wheeler 1-413-659-3743

H

Hazardous Waste Coordinator
Nina Keller 544-2857

Health Agent Epidemiologist
vacancy

Health Agent Inspector
Charles Smith 544-6933

Health, Board of
(2nd & 4th Mon 7:30, Town Hall -- 544-3775)

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Phyllis Lawrence 1-413-367-2175

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Moderator
Kathy Becker 544-2086

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N

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P

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Shawn Conway
Ken Holmberg 544-2706
Marianne Sundell 544-8981
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Eileen Perkins, Superintendent 544-2920
Francis Zak, Principal 544-2542
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School Committees
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(meets 1st Thursdays 7:30pm)
Phil DeLorey 544-2236
Chris Ewell 544-8126
Beth McConnell 544-8860
Faith Pederzini 544-2076
Mahar
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Jean Forward 544-7502
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Selectboard
(meets every other Tuesday 7 Town Offices)
Katharine Bentley 544-2083
Christine Heard 544-2282
Ted Lewis 544-3329
Marianne Sundell, Clerk 544-8981

T

Tax Collector
(Tues 9-11am, Weds 6:30-8:30pm;
Sats 10am to 1pm; and by appt)
Penny Delorey office 544-8617
544-2236

Town Accountant
Nancy Riebschlaeger 544-2741

Town Clerk
Anna Hartjens home 544-6052
store 544-6682

Town Hall
544-3775

Town Hall Custodian
Joy Gorzocoski 544-8345

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Board reviewed the minutes of the May 20th meeting of the Money Management Team

Board asked Margie to schedule a meeting with the Police Department to discuss general issues and speeding.

Board reviewed an information packet on Chapter 90 road funds from the Mass Municipal Association and signed a resolution supporting level funding for Chapter 90.

Board reviewed a letter from Roger and Debbie Choiniere concerning the upcoming dog hearing initiated by Mike Wing. They will not be able to attend that hearing.

Margie informed the Board that she discovered that the changes to the Personnel Policy relating to health insurance would need to be approved by an election rather than at a Town Meeting.

Board reviewed a letter from Representative Kulik concerning the Clean Environment Fund and Preservation projects.

Board reviewed letters sent to Senator Rosenberg's office and the Governor's office regarding Wendell Depot Bridge.

Board reviewed a letter from FRCOG and list of Franklin County Transportation Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 1999.

Board approved Deva Skydancer's request to rent the Town Hall for a workshop.

Albert Diemand will receive the cane for the Town's oldest citizen at Town Meeting. Annie Diemand has suggested that an inscription be made on the cane listing its recipients.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Sundell
Wendell Selectboard Clerk

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Opera Princess

On March 12, 1999, Bidu Sayao, Brazil's most famous operatic singer died in Lincolnville, Maine, of complications of pneumonia. She was 96 and lived in Lincolnville, a small town north of Camden on Penobscot Bay.

The petite Miss Sayao had to reject the heaviest opera roles, instead becoming a great success in the Lyric and coloratura repertory. Her interpretations of "Manon", Violetta in "La Traviata", Mimi in "La Boheme", Susanna in "The Marriage of Figaro" were consistently praised for their sensibility, expressiveness and truth to the emotion. She made famous many Brazilian folk songs sung in her native Portuguese.

Balduina de Oliveira Sayao was born on May 11, 1902 in Rio de Janeiro and as a child dreamed of becoming an actress. She would dramatize in front of a mirror, but her socially comfortable family convinced her that it was not an acceptable vocation. She tried piano lessons without success.

At age 13 a music-loving uncle helped arrange singing lessons with a famous soprano named Elena Theodorini. She studied for years, occasionally doing recitals in small theatres. Following good advice, she expanded her singing into the world of opera. She sought out opera singers of her time in both Brazil and in France and Italy. Hard work developed her voice, expanded her opera roles and she won numerous auditions and a formal debut in Italy in 1926. Miss Sayao returned to her native Brazil as an emerging opera star continuing to sing there and in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In the fall of 1935 Bidu Sayao went to New York for a Town Hall recital which drew the attention of many, including Arturo Toscanini, who asked her to sing a Claude Debussy cantata named "La Damoiselle Elue" at the Carnegie Hall. She learned the part well and it became a favorite recording in later years.

In February 1937, the Metropolitan Opera, which had recently lost a star soprano, Lucrezia Bori, to retirement, invited Miss Sayao to sing the title role in the French opera "Manon". It was a beautiful performance reviewed by The N.Y. Times as a "triumph of manners, youth and charm ... Her sweet, caressing voice becoming the vehicle of dramatic expression". Within two months she had sung the lead in "La Traviata" and her first Mimi in the greatly popular "La Boheme". The hard-working princess had secured a place in the opera world.

New York became the base of her career, but she sang also for the San Francisco Opera and would go back to South America on occasion to perform. Bidu Sayao stayed with the Metropolitan Opera for twenty years, giving 236 performances of 18 different roles. These were the days of the L.P. record and Columbia Records contracted her to record in studio many of her arias. These are the songs that we have today, now remastered onto compact disc.

Miss Sayao was married twice to singers (baritone) themselves. Her second husband, Guiseppe Danise, gave up his career to manage hers. Both husbands may have been behind the care with which she avoided overloading her voice. In her recordings, ranging from 1941 through 1950, her voice changed little, retaining the same sheen, immaculate phrasing and emotion.

During World War II, Bidu sang frequently in Army camps and hospitals, receiving a decoration from a thankful U.S. government.

Perhaps Sayao's most celebrated recording came in 1945 during a visit to New York by Brazilian composer and friend Heitor Villa-Lobos. It is "Bachiana brasiLeira" and was originally a violin solo. Villa-Lobos transcribed it for soprano and with a group of eight cellos led by Leonard Rose in the studio, Bidu made a recording straight through the two sides of the 78 rpm record, without interruption! Tape editing, widely used today, was not an option in 1945. The reprise at the end is hummed (closed mouth). It is a beautiful piece of music (and probably the first item that I ever heard of Bidu). Grammy Awards didn't exist then either; this recording's classic status was retroactively voted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1984.

In April 1954, a month before her 50th birthday, Bidu resigned from the Metropolitan Opera. She continued singing for special occasions in New York, San Francisco and Brazil. Then in 1957 she gave her last performance and abruptly retired. This performance brought her career full circle — it was "La Damoiselle Elue".

After her husband's death in 1963, Bidu divided time between New York City and the new home purchased in Lincolnville. She was often seen at events, the petite woman in high heels, her reddish hair pulled back in her favorite chignon style.

On a Met broadcast in 1989, Bidu gave a plaintive summing up, saying "I had something appealing, I don't know. The sincerity of my singing. I give my heart, I give my soul. I give myself."

Miss Sayao is survived by her beloved son Pedro Sayao and by her neice Vera Sayao, both of Rio de Janeiro. Also by friends and caregivers in Lincolnville, Camden and the coast area.

(Stephen Broll invited me to write this article for the Post about the "Opera Princess" Bidu Sayao. Too long for one column, I have broken it into two parts. This first part, gleaned from two newspaper obituaries and other sources, recounts facts of her long and interesting life. The second part I shall submit for the very next Post issue and will tell a more personal tale of twice hearing Bidu over the radio (the second time only after her death) and of a subsequent drive up to Lincolnville, Maine five days later...) Thank you.

Hal Stowell

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Birth Announcement

A daughter, Maya Jane Caron-Award was born to Jenny Caron and Michael Award on May 27, 1999 in Wendell at 7:10 pm. Maya is also the sister of Oshee Merrick.

GOOD NEIGHBORS UPDATE

The Good Neighbors food distribution continues every **Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm**. In March we received permission from the Council on Aging to move the distribution from the basement of the Wendell Senior Center to the upstairs of the Senior Center at the Town Offices. To keep the room tidy, we purchased two tarps, one to put the food on and the other for people to walk on. The move upstairs necessitated a time change in our distribution from the 3–5 pm slot to the current 1:30–3:30 time, so we would not interfere with the monthly community potluck dinners held in the Senior Center.

Every week surplus fruits, vegetables, breads, and meats from Foster's and Bread & Circus are available to anyone who can use them. No eligibility requirement or paperwork is required. Currently we have been serving 14–28 people per week. This basic service will continue unchanged.

Last month we rejoined the Hadley Food Bank. Very soon we will begin offering a **monthly** pick up of food from the Food Bank through the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP). A greater variety of food staples will be available. Rosalie Rosser will administer this program. Participants will need to fill out a one-time form to assure that they meet eligibility requirements. A family of 4 who earn less than $2536 per month will qualify for this program. Call Rosalie if you have questions, 3-6850.

Rosalie Rosser and Karen Wilder are initiating another new aspect of Good Neighbors. In response to fears of possible power outages or hardships caused by computer errors on or around January 1, 2000, Rosalie and Karen have arranged to purchase canned goods from the Food Bank to stockpile in case of urgent need this January. If we do not have any unusual problems, the stockpile will simply be distributed on a monthly basis throughout the spring.

Funding for these activities has come from generous citizens and also from a very successful Full Moon Coffee House in late January. To all of you who have donated time, baked goods, and money, we thank you heartily. We especially want to thank Sandy Robichaud, who recently resigned, for her years of effort to Good Neighbors. Sandy has been counted on and she has come through above and beyond the call of duty. There were many times when Sandy was carrying most of the burden of keeping Good Neighbors going. While we are sorry to lose your service, Sandy, we do appreciate all that you have given. We also would like to thank Susan von Ranson for her year of service to Good Neighbors. Susan's unique organizational skills and clear-thinking greatly helped get Good Neighbors on a firmer ground again.

As you can see we have had some personnel changes, but thankfully some new faces have come along to try to help. Many thanks to Karen Wilder who has had to take on more responsibility for coordinating the new people and for doing more of the jobs when no one else could. We have had a few mixups with new helpers and we are sorry for inconveniences this may have caused. If you would like to help with 1) a Saturday pick-up at Foster's; 2) a Sunday pick-up at Bread & Circus; 3) Distribution on Sunday, 1:30–3:30 pm; or 4) Clean up after distribution, please call Laura Doughty, 544-5450 or Karen Wilder, 544-0939. While we very much need more steady help, we are also happy to have people who can only help once in a while. Please consider calling us to add your name to a list of people we can call if we are in a pinch.

If you want to help, but have no time to give, you can send donations, made payable to "Good Neighbors" to Laura Doughty, 230 New Salem Road, Wendell, MA 01379.

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SOME SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL NEWS

Every day, at the Swift River School, there are impromptu, as well as carefully organized activities which are noteworthy. It would be impossible for me to describe all that has happened over the last year or two, but in order for you to get a feeling of what has been going on at the school, I'll just list some events which come to mind.

It was another hot and exuberant Field Day this year, and we still gather on Friday mornings for Community Sings... there has been a lucrative spring walk-a-thon, exciting field trips, family potlucks and spaghetti dinners hosted by students. There have been guest speakers, slide shows, family Science Night, and a 3rd or 4th grader may have tested your water! There were language workshops, and a great variety of Enchanted Forest opportunities offered after school. The school community joined last winter to send supplies to storm victims in Honduras, and also gave support to local neighbors in crisis. Sally's annual play taught math through the arts this year. The school's new visual arts program incorporated art into the curriculum and the school-wide study of South Africa through the Celebrating Diversity program also brought creative action to the students this winter.! There have been book fairs and exchanges, gymnastic shows and dance recitals, and a school community cookbook is in the making. The school committee, with the help of teachers and parents, created a wish list for the school last year. Enthusiastic volunteers responded by donating their time and energy to the school, but they've also helped to raise funds. Many families have donated valuable equipment to help our school become the best it can be, while also saving our towns' money.

The Early Childhood Advisory Council, ("ECAC") and the Parent, Teacher, Community, Association ("PTCA") has been very successful this year with numerous fundraising events as well as *fun*-raising activities, thanks to many volunteers and a few very hard working board members. (More parents and community members are needed to attend PTCA board meetings and help brainstorm and organize events next year. No experience is necessary! Watch the weekly school newsletter for dates and times of meetings this fall.)

An important event will be happening this summer is the departure of Leonard Lubinsky, who has been superintendent of our school union #28 for 25 years. He begins his new job as Executive Director of the Northeast Foundation for Children in early September. He will be working to improve education for children on a national level, but he will be missed tremendously here. His unwavering commitment to our school and his exceptional ability to lobby for fair treatment in regards to both policy making and funding on the state level, have been crucial for our school. A successor is expected to be chosen by the end of June.

Thanks to much time and attention from the Curriculum Committee last year, the whole school's Curriculum Description was completed and updated. The School Council drew up a survey designed to get ideas and opinions from parents on how the school could best move forward. The results were compiled, and a comprehensive School Improvement Plan was drawn up last year. This year, the Council has been helping with, and overseeing the implementation of the improvement plan.

Principal Christine Lewis gives special thanks to volunteers. Whether they spend time on committees, in the classrooms, or help with special events at school or at home... she believes that our school thrives on such heartfelt and positive support. She thanks the ECAC and the PTCA for coordinating and sponsoring so many activities over the past two years that she has been with us. She also thanks the School Council members for their many hours of working together to find ways to improve our school. She notes that with the collective efforts and input from our school community, a strong improvement plan has been drafted which will guide the Swift River School over the next several years.

Have a wonderful summer! -Molly Kaynor

Summer Reading Program
at the Wendell Free Library
EVENTS

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Wednesday, July 21st 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Science, Math and Paper Tricks with Mr. D.

This program is for 3rd - 6th graders. Join Mr. Douglas for an hour of fun as he stumps and amazes you. And you'll go home with tricks you can try out on your friends. (Followed by snacks.)

Wednesday, July 28th 7:00–8:00 p.m.
The Dancing Troll

This is a show by performer Bob Thomas using storytelling, dance and mime with lots of action and participation. The show will delight kids and adults alike and is sponsored by the Wendell Cultural Council.

Wednesday, August 18th 8–9:30 p.m.
Campfire on the Wendell Common

Complete with sing-along, skits, roasting marshmallows and summer reading program awards. Janet Mankows will help kids put together skits if they sign-up at the library. All welcome to this fun annual event. (Rain date is Wed. Aug. 25th.)

In addition to these special events, kids can sign-up to join the Summer Reading Program. Participants will receive a reading log-book, activity sheets, coupons to Massachusetts attractions and a chance to earn stickers and cloth Reading Badges for their summer reading accomplishments. Sign-up begins Saturday, June 26th at the Wendell Free Library

- Librarian - Rosie Heidkamp (ph: 544-3559)
- Library Hours: Tues. 3-6 p.m., Wed. 1-8 p.m., Sat. 9:30-2:30

SUMMER PROGRAM - 1999

The Enchanted Forest Summer Program at Swift River School, now in its seventh year, is pleased to offer a five week program for children ages 5-11. The Enchanted Forest will run from July 5, 1999 through August 6, 1999, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The Enchanted Forest Summer Program offers a wide variety of activities including: art projects, theater, nature activities, cooperative games, swimming and swimming lessons, culminating with a final grand theater performance. Each week has a different theme for the children to explore: Week 1, July 5-9 - Friends of the Globe; Week 2, July 12-16 - Earth Kids; Week 3, July 19-23 - Dream It/Be It; Week 4, July 25-29 - Our Circus/Our Century; and Week 5, August 2-6 - Playing with Pigments. Children may sign up weekly for 5 days or for a 3 day, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday session.

The Enchanted Forest Summer Program announces the appointment of a new director, Linda Ruel Flynn. Currently an arts instructor at Swift River School, Linda brings to Enchanted Forest many years of experience working with children in arts and recreation programs. She has a strong commitment to a safe, fun and positive summer camp experience for children. Linda is joining an extremely strong staff of experienced teachers who come from both summer camp environments and school settings.

If you interested in the Enchanted Forest Summer Program or have questions, you may call Linda Ruel Flynn at Swift River School at 544-6926.

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Swift River Weather

Well the name of the column has changed but hopefully the content will still be of interest. As some of you know I moved from Wendell to New Salem a year and a half ago and have not contributed a weather column to the Post in about two years.

As we approach the longest days of the year I hate to take you back to the season of the shortest days but here is a summary of the winter and early spring.

1999	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Avg H Temp	32	37	44	58
Avg L Temp	15	22	26	38
Mean	23.5	29.4	35	47.8
Avg Mean(88-98)	24.9	25.2	34.1	45.6
Rain	3.8	2.95	3.2	.75
Snow	11.3	2.5	11.5	0

This winter was very mild with December,1998 averaging 8 degrees warmer than average and February 4 degrees warmer. However January had cold spells in the beginning, middle and end of the month and ended up averaging colder than my average.

The 2.5" of snow in February was the second lowest total I've recorded with only Febraury, 1998(1.25") having less. The winter of 98-99 ended up with 48.65" of snow almost 16" below my average.

April was by far the driest(3" below average) I have recorded and this was reflected in the several brush fires that we had in the area.

Bill Lafley

Cops Corners

Chief Chase is still receiving numerous phone calls and questions about the new firearm permits, and he requested we run this column again.

Pistol Permit/FID card Information

Your current FID card will expire on your birthday in 1999 if you were born between July 1 and Dec. 31. It will expire on your birthday in the year 2000 if your birthday falls between Jan. 1 and June 30.

Your current Pistol Permit (LTC) will expire on the expiration date on the permit.

There are 4 classes of new licenses:
Class A-- purchase and possession, carrying of large-capacity handguns, rifles, shotguns and feeding devices.
Class B--purchase, possession, carrying non-large capacity handguns and large-capacity rifles & shotguns.
Class C--purchase, possession, carrying non-large capacity rifles and shotguns.
Class D--purchase & possession of chemical sprays (mace, pepper etc.).

The new permits are valid for 4 years and the fee is $25.

The new permits all require a fingerprint record check and 3 photographs (even for renewals). This process takes approximately 30 days, so don't put this off until hunting season.

Effective October 21,1998, all firearms must be stored in a locked container or be equipped with an approved locking device.

All new applicants for a FID or LTC must complete a certified firearms safety or hunter education course.

Chief Chase

In Memory of Bradley "Grampo" Merchant

The thought of you brings a smile to our faces. But, the reality of living our lives without you leaves us all in dismay. We keep telling each other that you are in a better place now, knowing deep down inside anyone of us would give up anything to have you back. You touched us all in so many ways with just being there. We try to think of all the good times we had together, not wanting to believe they're all over for now. Ron and I still remember the times you and Grandma 'Ma" took us for the weekends to your house when we were just little tykes, but we didn't realize how fast 20 years would pass us by. We may never have told you or you us how much we loved you a lot of times. But we had such a special relationship that a lot of things went without saying. In the seven years I have been away I can't stop thinking about all the missed opportunities I had to spend with you and "Ma." But I also truly believe you didn't want me to sacrifice my career for anything and for that "I Love You." When Dyan and I had our second child we didn't' realize how appropriate it would be for him to have your name. Heaven knows he's a chip off the old block. We are truly proud of the fact we could give you that gift and we all believe that once you passed you gave us the gift of Life with the birth of Makaila. We will not say goodbye because we will all see you again and I hope for God's Sake you don't cheat at cards up there like you used to when you played with us (Ha Ha). Gramps, keep us all safe and remember we all love you and we look forward to the day when we see you again.

Love, Craig, Dyan,
Steven, and Jason (Bradley)

FIRE/INCIDENT LOG

#15	4\4\99	Med Call	Lake Grove School
#16	4\9\99	Med-Call	Lake Grove School
#17	4\15\99	Mutual Aid Call	Leverett -Hemenway Rd
#18	4\17\99	Med - Call	452 Wendell Depot Rd.
#19	4\22\99	Vehicle Accident	Montague Rd.
#20	4\28\99	Veh. Acc. Med cal	131 Mormon Hollow Rd
#21	4\29\99	Med -Call	Wendell Library
#22	5\3\99	Med-Call	61 Buillard Pasture Rd.
#23	5\15\99	Brush Fire	John Quist Rd.
#24	5\16\99	Overhaul	John Quist Rd.
#25	5\17\99	Overhaul	John Quist Rd.
#26	5\31\99	Med-Call	70 Lockes Village Rd.

HELP WANTED

The Enchanted Forest Summer Program is seeking a certified swim instructor/lifeguard for afternoons at Ruggles Pond. The swim instructor/lifeguard works from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 5 through August 6, 1999. If you are interested in this position, please call Linda Ruel Flynn at Swift River School, 544-6926.

FREE LUMBER

Old beams and assorted lumber. Free to whoever will take it away. Call Christine Heard at 544-2282.

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In Memory of "Braddy" Bradley Merchant

Bradley was the most important person in my son's life. (Austin was his night in shining armor. Every time Bradley would see Austin coming or my daughter Alexis he would light up like a light bulb.) They were truly his medicine. My son (Austin) asks about Bradley all the time and he says he flies with the birds and angels in heaven where he's not sick anymore.

Bradley was my card partner and the best grandfather anyone could ever ask for. He was very important to me and my children. Bradley made our life complete. Now that he isn't here I don't know what we're going to do without him. We Loved Him So Much.

Sadly missed by
Tracey, Austin, & Alexis

In Loving Memory of Bradley Merchant

Bradley (Gramp) you made everyone's life so much happier and brighter every time you were around. There's a hole in our hearts that will never be filled. We will always miss your sweet smile and your stories you use to tell me and Geof. We all needed a good laugh once in a while. Every time I'm sad I sit and tell little Makaila how much of a wonderful Grandfather you always were to your grandchildren and great-grandchildren and how much he would have loved to spoil her. We all Love and Miss You Very Much.

Love always,
Kimberly, Geof, & Makaila
Shelburne Falls, Mass.

In memory of bradley merchant

On march 31 i lost the only grandfather that i ever knew. He will never be forgotten, everyday i think that i can't believe he's gone. He will always be with us. He was like a father to my mother and my father growing up.

It is very hard to go up to his house, still thinking that he will be there. Bradley loved kids and never lost his patience with them including me growing up. I think that everybody that met him liked him from the start. I would give anything just to see and talk to bradley again. This left a big hole in my life, and to alot of others.

Ronald Grogan jr

In Memory of Bradley Merchant

Bradley wasn't my biological father but he was a father to me in every other sense of the word. I couldn't have loved him any more if he had been my real father. He and my mom were together since I was 10 years old. I am thankful for all the years we shared with him and for my children having such a special person for a grandfather and for the little ones having such an awesome great-grandfather.

There is an empty space in all our lives that will never be filled. He was a wonderful, wonderful, loving man and I'm grateful my mother met him and shared our lives with him for 36 years. May you rest in peace now with no pain and sickness.

Sadly Missed and Loved by,
Brenda Grogan

User Fees for Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Bernardston Landfill, Nelson Road off Merrifield Rd off Rt. 10
1999

Hours: April through October on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 8 to 10 am; November through March on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9 to 10 am.

Checks will be accepted, payable to FCSWMD for exact amount due. Participants can request a receipt from the attendant. Residents who do not wish to pay can wait until the annual "free" collection (date TBA). Call the Solid Waste District with questions or for more information: 413-772-2438.

Material	Cost per Unit
Used oil	$1.00 for every four gallons (minimum $1)
Oil filters	$1.00 for every four filters (minimum $1)
Antifreeze	$1.00 for every four gallons (minimum $1)
Paint - oil and alkyd based paint only. No latex.	$3.00 per gallon can $1.00 per quart can Pints based upon gallon equivalents with $1 minimum
Fluorescent lamps	$1.00 for two 4' lamps $1.00 per 8' lamp $1.00 for two "others" - u tubes/compacts
Ballasts	$5.00 each
Rechargeable batteries Button batteries	No Charge

FROM: The Wendell Recycling and Transfer Station is located on New Salem Road. It is open Tuesdays 12 noon to 6 pm and Saturdays 9 am to 5 pm. It accepts household trash, recyclables (see reverse side), scrap metal, tires, white goods, and bulky wastes such as couches and furniture. For information on fees call the transfer station at 544-7287. For questions about the hazardous waste collections, composting, and recycling, call the Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438.

TO:

YOUR RECYCLING EFFORTS WON'T GO TO WASTE

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL RECYCLING PROGRAM

REMINDER

EMPTY AND RINSE ALL CONTAINERS

DISCARD ALL CAPS AND LIDS FROM PLASTIC CONTAINERS

DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS

PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAPS • PIZZA BOXES
MOTOR OIL BOTTLES • STYROFOAM • EGG CARTONS
SYRINGES/HYPODERMIC NEEDLES • BROKEN GLASS
SODA OR BEER HOLDERS/CARTONS • CERAMICS

PLEASE RECYCLE

Don't forget to Reuse When Possible!

PAPER

Keep these materials together and separate from commingled containers.

- ▲ All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry.
- ▲ **Junk mail–** Remove plastic windows & wrappings.
- ▲ **Boxboard–** Cereal, shoe, cracker boxes, etc. Remove plastic liners.
- ▲ **Newspapers/ inserts**
- ▲ **Magazines/catalogs**
- ▲ **Paper bags**
- ▲ **White and colored office paper**
- ▲ **Computer paper**
- ▲ **Corrugated cardboard–** Flatten, remove tape and string.
- ▲ **Paperbacks & phone books–** Remove covers.

No soda or beer holders/cartons.
No waxed paper or waxed cardboard.
No pizza boxes, egg cartons or wrapping paper.

CONTAINERS

RINSE. Keep these materials together and separate from paper.

- ▲ **Glass bottles/jars, only clear, green, brown, less than 2 gallons**
  – Labels, lids, corks, neck rings, etc. are ok.
- ▲ **Aluminum, tin/steel cans and lids and aluminum foil** – Labels are ok.
- ▲ **Milk & juice cartons (tent top), drink boxes** Remove straws & caps, flatten.
- ▲ **Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and microwave trays/containers**
  – Remove caps, lids, pumps and wraps. Labels and detergent spouts may be left on.

No light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass.
No paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects.
No plastic bags, containers over 2 gal., motor oil jugs, chemical or Styrofoam containers or flower pots.

Tips for Recycling for Other Materials...

Rechargeable Batteries

Most Radio Shack's, nat'l hardware chains have free recycling programs or contact your recycling coordinator.

Clothing

Goodwill and Salvation Army take clothes, draperies, etc.

Books

Donate to libraries. Some book stores buy used books.

Wire Hangers

Accepted by many dry cleaners in the region. May be accepted in scrap metal locally.

Plastic Bags

Recycled at some area supermarkets. Call 1-800-438-5856 for location nearest you.

Polystyrene "Peanuts"

Call 1-800-828-2214 for the peanuts collection nearest you or call 1-800-789-4623 for nearest Mailboxes Etc.

YOUR RECYCLING EFFORTS

WON'T GO TO WASTE

For answers to specific questions about your community's program call your recycling coordinator. For questions on types of recyclables taken call the DEP at 413-755-2293 or 1-888-888-0784 ext. 2293 or E-Call at 1-800-800-6881.